

## **COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**November 12, 2002**

**5:30 PM**

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Osborne, Garrity

Absent: Alderman Forest

Messrs: Tom Lolicata, Lt. Lussier

Communication from Ron Chapman, Manchester School District, regarding the temporary stoppage of traffic on Lowell Street in front of McDonough School during school hours.

Mr. Lolicata noted that they wanted to put up barriers and close off the street during school hours to utilize it as a playground. It was noted that cleaning off the park area across the street was a difficulty in the winter.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to approve the request.

4. Communication from Laura McBrien, Intown Manchester, requesting that the hours of enforcement at the parking meters downtown for the month of December be changed to 8 AM through 5 PM.

Alderman Osborne moved for discussion. Alderman Guinta seconded the motion. Discussion ensued relative to the revenue losses associated with reducing the enforcement hours. Stephanie Lewry spoke for In-Town Manchester and commented on the request of the retailers. Alderman Guinta while understanding the revenue considerations, wished to support the request of the retailers. It was noted that Saturdays were already free and if at least Thursday nights were added for the month it would help. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve were also to be considered. Mr. Lolicata noted concerns with losing revenues but concurred that Thursday nights only would not be as severe an impact.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to approve free on-street parking in the downtown area on Thursday evenings for the month of December, and also on Christmas eve and New Year's eve.

5. Communication from Michael Kapos, President and Owner of Michael's School of Hair Design and Esthetics, regarding parking for his students.

Chairman Sysyn asked if Mr. Kapos had been contacted since he was not present. The clerk advised that a message had been left for Mr. Kapos, as he was out of town; that his staff had assured that he would be given the message. General discussion followed where it was noted by members of the committee that they had attempted to provide alternative ideas for Mr. Kapos. It was generally felt that they could not provide anything special for him without providing for everyone. He could, if he wanted, purchase the permits and charge back students at half price for on street parking, but this was the best the city was able to provide.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to receive and file this item.

6. Petition from the residents of Kennard Road asking to reinstate "on street parking" on the North side of Kennard Road.

No report had been received from Alderman Gatsas. A discussion ensued where residents in the area spoke about their concerns with not being able to park in front of their homes. It was noted that the parking had been changed at the request of someone in the area who had indicated that this was a dangerous area and parking should not be allowed. After some discussion on motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to refer the matter to Traffic and Police and if a unified recommendation to allow some parking in the area was reached, the Committee agreed to so approve the recommendation and forward same to the full Board for adoption of regulations.

**Note:** No concurrence was reached. Alderman Gatsas later requested that all the residents in the area be contacted and allow to comment before the committee regarding the matter.

7. Communication from Jeanine D. Sylvester, owner of Runner's Alley, regarding street closings on Hanover Street.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity it was voted to receive and file this item, with the understanding that the Police Department would see that concerns could be met to the extent feasible in the future.

8. Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

**STOP SIGN**

On Bruno Square Exit at Massabesic St. sec, swc  
Alderman Osborne (emergency act)

On Third St. at Cleveland St., nwc  
Alderman Smith (emergency act)

On Knowlton St. at Hayward St., nec  
Alderman Shea

On Wellington Hill Rd. (south end) at Edward Roy Drive (swc)  
Alderman Gatsas

On Whittington St. (south end) at Wellington Hill Rd., swc  
Alderman Gatsas

On Whittington St. (north end) at Wellington Hill Rd., swc  
Alderman Gatsas

On Parkside Ave. at Sullivan St., swc  
Alderman Thibault/Police Dept.

On Harvard St. at Belmont St., nec, swc  
4-way school zone  
Alderman Shea

On Thayer St. at Elm St., swc  
Alderman Wihby (emergency act)

**RESCIND YIELD SIGN**

On Third St. at Cleveland St., nwc  
Alderman Smith

**NO PARKING**

On Goffe Street, north and south sides, from Dartmouth St. to a point 75 feet westerly

Alderman Smith

On Titus Ave., south side, from Floyd Ave. to a point 200 feet west

Alderman Garrity

On Massabesic St., south side, from Belmont St. to a point 110 feet easterly

Alderman Osborne

On Spruce St., north and south side, from Cypress St. to a point 55 feet west

Alderman Osborne

On Kennard Rd., north side, from a point 100 feet west of Lindahl St. to Smyth Rd.

Alderman Gatsas

On Kennard Rd., south side, from Smyth Rd. to a point 100 feet west of Lindahl St.

Alderman Gatsas

On Mitchell St., south side, from a point 100 feet east of Calef Rd. to a point 50 feet east

Alderman Garrity

On Bremer St., north side, from Boutwell St. to Lafayette St.

Alderman Forest

On Mammoth Rd., both sides, from Smyth Rd. (southern section) to Smyth Rd. (north section)

Alderman Gatsas

On S. Porter St. east side, from Maynard Ave., to Cilley Rd.

Alderman DeVries (emergency act)

On S. Porter St., west side, from a point 65 feet south of Cilley Rd. to Maynard Ave.

Alderman DeVries (emergency act)

On Jewett St., west side, from Valley St. to a point 100 feet south

Alderman Shea

**NO PARKING 8AM to 5PM**

On Titus Ave., south side, from Floyd Ave. to a point 65 feet east  
Alderman Garrity

On Belmont St., east side, from Massabesic St. to a point 180 feet south  
Alderman Osborne

**RESCIND NO PARKING**

On Belmont St., east side, from Massabesic St. to a point 110 feet south  
Alderman Osborne

On Smyth Rd., north side, from Lindahl St. to Chalet Court  
Alderman Gatsas

On Briar Ave., south side, from a point 145 feet south of Michigan Ave. to  
Beaver St.  
Alderman Pinard

On Glenwood Ave., south side, from Harriman St. to a point 100 feet  
easterly  
Alderman Smith

**PARKING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS ONLY (8AM-5PM  
MON-FRI)**

On Elm St., west side, from West Brook St. to a point 50 feet south  
Alderman Guinta (emergency act)

On Elm St., west side, from a point 75 feet south of West Brook St. to a  
point 45 feet south  
Alderman Guinta (emergency act)

**RESCIND PARKING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS ONLY  
(8AM-5PM MON-FRI)**

On Elm St., west side, from West Brook St. to a point 120 feet south  
Alderman Guinta (emergency act)

**HANDICAP PARKING ONLY**

On Elm St., west side, from a point 50 feet south of West Brook St. to a  
point 25 feet south  
Alderman Guinta (emergency act)

**NO PARKING BUS STOP (7AM-3PM MON-FRI)**

On Beaver St., west side, from Briar Ave. to Hanover St.  
Alderman Pinard

**NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

On Briar Ave., south side, from Michigan Ave. to Briar Ave.  
Alderman Pinard

**RESCIND NO PARKING BUS STOP**

On Briar Ave., south side, from Michigan Ave. to a point 145 feet east  
Alderman Pinard

**RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

On Beaver St., west side, from Briar Ave. to Hanover St.  
Alderman Pinard

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8AM-8PM MON-SAT)**

On Lowell St., north side, from a point 45 feet west of Chestnut St. to a  
point 20 feet west  
Alderman Guinta

**RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8AM-5PM MON-SAT)**

On Lowell St., north side, from a point 45 feet west of Chestnut St. to a  
point 20 feet west  
Alderman Guinta

**NO TRUCKS - \$300 FINE**

On Summer St. from Belmont St. to Wilson St.  
Alderman Osborne

On Knowlton St. from Hayward St. to Johnson St.  
Alderman Shea

On Glenwood Ave. from Boynton St. to Harriman St.  
Alderman Smith

**RESCIND 30 MINUTE PARKING**

On Spruce St., north side, from Union St. to a point 100 feet easterly  
Alderman Osborne

**PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM)**

On Amherst St., south side, from a point 65 feet west of Lincoln St. to a point 50 feet west  
Alderman Sysyn

**RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR (8am-6pm)**

On Amherst St., south side, from Lincoln St. to a point 115 feet west  
Alderman Sysyn

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to approve the Traffic Agenda less the item removed by Alderman Osborne.

On Lake Ave., south side, from a point 45 feet east of the firehouse to a point 50 feet west (unlimited parking)  
Alderman Osborne

At the request of Alderman Osborne this request was deleted.

9. Discussion regarding an amendment to the trucks prohibited ordinance.

Alderman Osborne noted there were difficulties with the trucks going through the neighborhoods. They were claiming deliveries at the opposite ends of the street and utilizing that as a necessary delivery to ignore the regulations.

After brief discussion, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to have Alderman Osborne work with the City Solicitor to review the concerns and submit language to address the situation.

**TABLED ITEMS**

On motion of alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to remove all items from the table.

10. Discussion regarding free parking at the Canal and Victory Parking Garages on Saturday and Sunday.  
(Tabled 03/18/02)

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to receive and file this item.

11. Discussion regarding Parking Permit Fee increase.  
(Tabled 07/23/02)

A discussion ensued regarding this item where Chairman Sysyn felt they should increase the fee to \$60.00 per month for the parking garages and leave the rest of the items for a later time. The garages it was felt were different from the lots, and that the garages were not paying for themselves, and a slight increase to \$60 (a \$4 per month increase) was felt to be appropriate. After some discussion relative to waiting for a new management contract, it was concurred that the increase should be done effective January 1, 2003.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to increase the fee to \$60.00 per month for the garages effective January 1, 2003. Alderman Guinta was duly recorded in opposition.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to table the other permit increases until more data was received regarding the lots and on-street parking.

12. Communication from Carlos and Felipe Pineda of Fusion Coffee & Tea advising that business owners in the Downtown area proposing an Employee Parking Validation Program similar to Intown Manchester's parking validation program.  
(Tabled 9/4/02)

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to receive and file this item with the notation that they could not provide for something for one business without providing for all and it was concurred that the City could not provide for all businesses.

## NEW BUSINESS

A communication from the Library Director was distributed to members of the Committee. The director was requesting designation of the lot adjacent to the building for permit parking in order to be able to ticket the cars which parked in the employee areas.

Discussion ensued where the clerk noted that the designation would be a public lot, and the ordinance itself would need to be put through the process of changing to accommodate the permit parking. It was noted that permit parking was



presently designated primarily as a cost and that this was different from the general permitting presently being done, but that the ordinance could be revised if the committee desired. It was noted that the signage had not been placed at the entrance to the lot but at the entrance to the building. After some discussion, Alderman Guinta moved to request Mr. Lolicata to provide large signage at the entrance to the lot and after monitoring if there was a problem, they would return to the committee for further consideration of ordinance change. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee